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Los Angeles Man Found Guilty of Fatally Stabbing Job Corps Counselor

A 25-year-old man was found guilty today of killing a Job Corps counselor two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for about three hours before finding Freddy Leyva guilty of first-degree murder in case BA395133. The panel also found a special allegation of personal use of a dangerous weapon, a knife, to be true.

Prosecutors said Leyva was living at a Job Corps facility in the 1200 block of Lodi Place when he killed Dwayne Alexander on March 14, 2012. Leyva stabbed the victim multiple times before other residents were able to subdue and disarm him until police arrived.

Leyva faces 26 years to life in state prison when he's scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 13.

The case was investigated by Los Angeles Police Department, Hollywood Division.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.